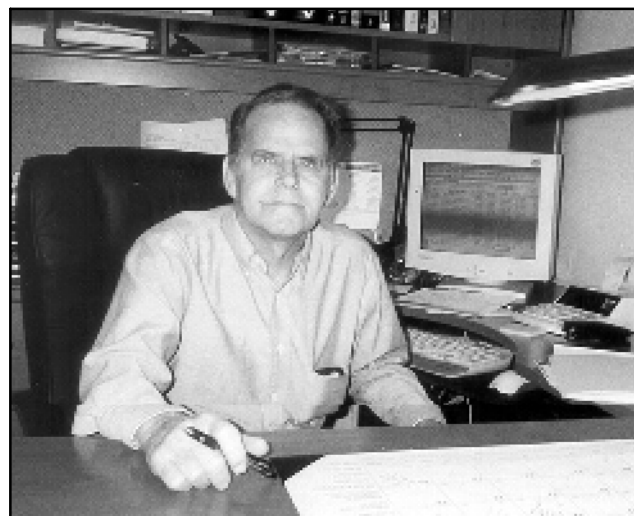


Vocational Rehabilitation Program **SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE**

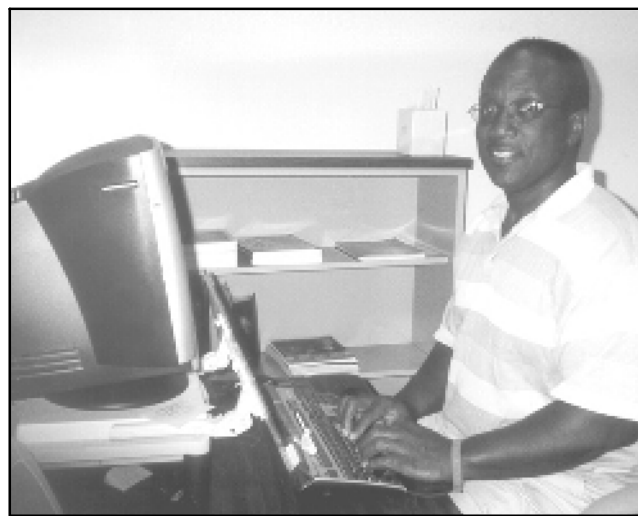
Preston McCall

Working since the age of 14 at a variety of jobs, Preston was always very independent. At the age of 59, he had a work injury that caused him to become unemployed. He went to the local vocational rehabilitation office to seek services, as he not only had a physical injury, but his eyesight was now failing due to diabetic retinopathy. Preston wanted to work and received such services as resume writing, job contacts, and assistive technology. Living in rural Utah made it difficult to find employment, but with vocational rehabilitation's help, he applied for and obtained a job as an accountant with Wheeler Auto Sales. Preston said, "Without vocational rehabilitation's help, I would have gone a lot longer between jobs, and I really appreciated the services."



Renard Thayer

After being laid off his job, Renard had a lot of anxiety, as he not only lost his job but the funding to continue his education. He sought services from Vocational Rehabilitation due to a back injury and completed his degree in electronics and electronics technology. With his wife and two children to support, Renard soon found a job at Hill Air Force Base, where he uses his education to test components on jets. Renard feels the Vocational Rehabilitation program is excellent, as it speaks to the real need of people with disabilities in reaching out and helping them with difficulties in their lives. "It is a program like a breath of fresh air with resources to change direction in one's life and find a new course."



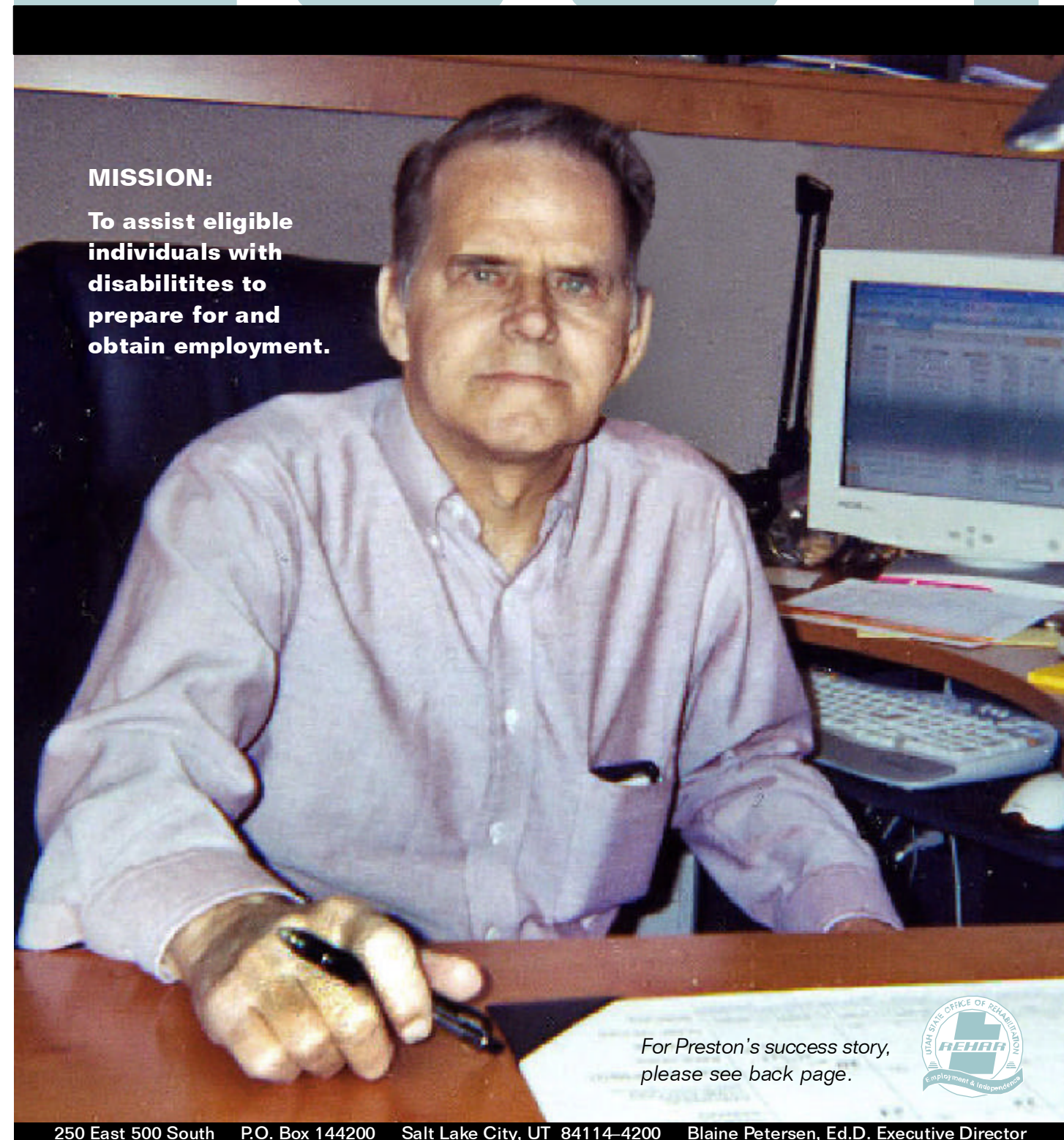
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MISSION:

To assist eligible individuals with disabilities to prepare for and obtain employment.



*For Preston's success story,
please see back page.*



Vocational Rehabilitation Program

SERVICES

Eligible individuals, in partnership with their vocational rehabilitation counselor, assess their rehabilitation needs, establish an employment goal, and develop a plan to reach that goal. The plan includes the following information: services needed to reach the goal, who will provide the service, a time line, and evaluation criteria to measure progress toward the goal.

Services are available according to needs, abilities, and choices. These services may include medical restoration and treatment, counseling and guidance, assistive technology, job placement, and follow-up, as well as other services needed to assist consumers to attain their employment goals.

2,817
INDIVIDUALS WERE SUCCESSFULLY
EMPLOYED



HIGHLIGHTS

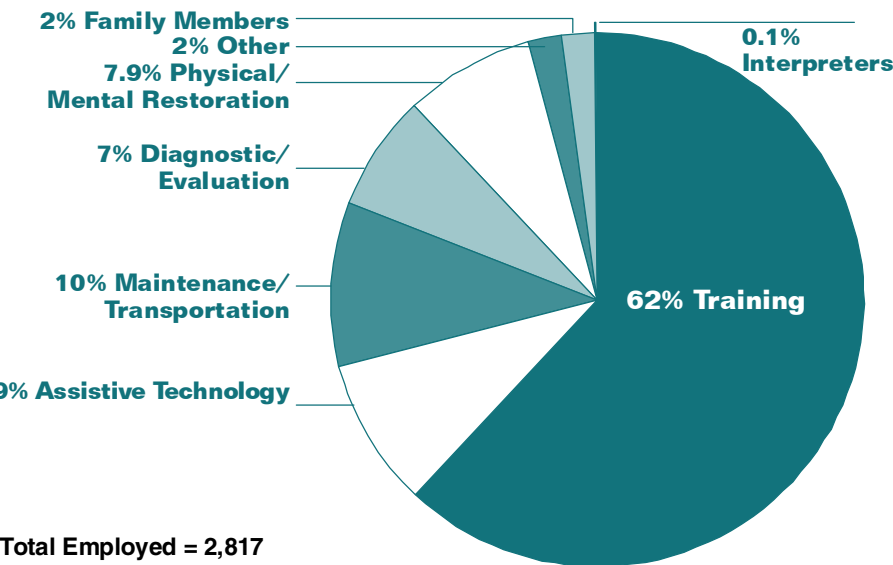
The 2004 success of the vocational rehabilitation program is attributed to a fundamental belief that all citizens in the State of Utah want to work. Individuals with disabilities face challenges that bring them together in a partnership with their vocational rehabilitation counselor. As a result, individual as well as programmatic success is achieved. The highlights of this successful partnership are reflected in the following information.

2,817 individuals were successfully employed.

- Number of individuals who were provided with vocational rehabilitation services.....**24,874**
- Percent severely disabled of those employed.....**92%**
- Number of public assistance recipients successfully employed ..
.....**217**
- Number of Social Security Disability Insurance recipients successfully employed**534**
- Number of individuals successfully employed through supported employment services**57**
- Estimated annual taxes paid by 2,932 employed individuals after vocational rehabilitation services were provided..**\$10,423,712**

DISTRIBUTION

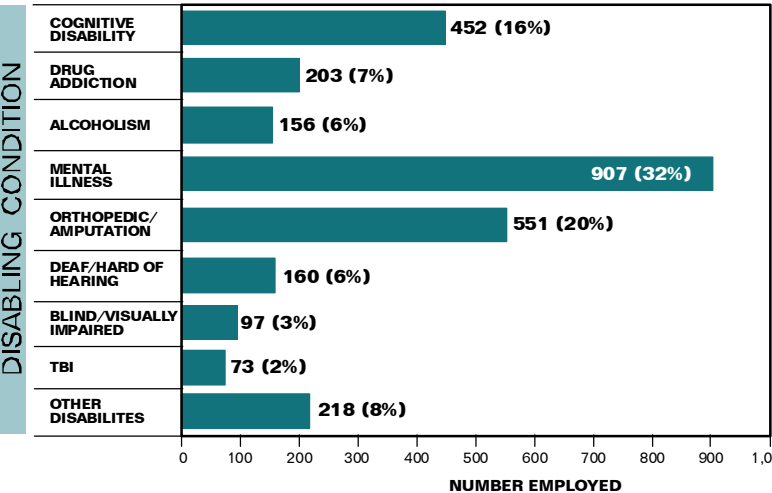
of Paid Services to Individuals Receiving Vocational Rehabilitation Services



Utah's VR Program is PRODUCTIVE & COST EFFECTIVE

	UTAH	COLORADO	MONTANA	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	WYOMING	IDAHO	ARIZONA	NEW MEXICO	NEVADA
Number of Clients Placed in Jobs	2,817	1,625	892	796	851	507	1,849	1,688	1,558	968
Average Number Placed in Jobs per Counselor	25	15	23	19	20	18	25	9	22	25
Cost per Client Rehabilitated	\$11,997	\$20,431	\$15,068	\$13,586	\$12,917	\$19,135	\$9,843	\$36,479	\$21,656	\$16,960
Average Caseload Size	224	179	208	159	160	144	186	115	170	165

MAJOR DISABLING CONDITIONS



OCCUPATIONS

OF THE 2,817 INDIVIDUALS REHABILITATED

